

JUVENILE OFFENDERS OF THE LAW

Reports Show a Decrease in Their Number in the Past 14 Years.

Smaller Percentage of the Gentler Sex Also In Jail Population.

NEGROES APPEAR TO BE MORE FOND OF JAIL THAN IN THE OLD TIMES—FOREIGN BORN WHITES DECREASE IN THEIR PRISON TENDENCIES.

The Bureau of Census has just published a special report on prisoners and juvenile delinquents in institutions. The investigation was planned by Dr. Roland P. Falkner, formerly expert special agent who is responsible for the methods pursued and the scope of the inquiry. Upon his resignation from the service the work was carried on under the direction of John Koren, expert special agent.

In this report two classes of statistics are presented. The first class deals with the prisoners and juvenile delinquents who were confined in institutions on June 30, 1904, and the second with those who were committed during the year 1904. The presentation of figures for the commitments during the year is a marked improvement over the former methods of former censuses, when statistics were given only for the persons in institutions on a fixed date.

As many persons serve long sentences, the institutional population on a given day includes many committed in former years and some even who have appeared in former censuses. Statistics of this class, therefore, are not particularly accurate as a reflection of existing conditions, since they are partly determined by the conditions of former years, but may be regarded as a statistical measure of the use that is being made of institutions for criminals and as a fairly accurate indication of the classes of the population from which the criminals are drawn. The figures for the prisoners enumerated on June 30, 1904, are of value, however, since they furnish a basis for comparisons with previous censuses.

81,772 Behind the Bars. Exclusive of the juvenile delinquents in special institutions for that class, and exclusive of persons imprisoned for the non-payment of fines, 81,772 sane persons at least 15 years of age were serving sentences in civil prisons on June 30, 1904. One of every 1,000,000 persons in the estimated population of that date 1,006 were prisoners. On June 1, 1890, the total number of prisoners was only 65,803, but the number of each 1,000,000 of the population was 1,067.

The fact that the ratio of prisoners to population has decreased should not be regarded, however, as indicating a diminishing tendency toward crime. The fourteen-year period between the censuses has been marked by the establishment of probation and parole systems, by a movement away from the use of short prison sentences for minor offenses, and by the introduction of other forms of leniency. As a result many persons who formerly would have been sent to prison in 1890 escaped that penalty in the later years of the period, and thus the ratio of prisoners to population has decreased. Whether crime has also decreased cannot be determined from the figures.

The Gentler Sex. Possibly the greater leniency in the present treatment of the criminal affects the female offenders more than the male, for the proportion of women among prisoners has constantly decreased. In 1890 women formed 8.5 per cent, and in 1904 5.3 per cent. The decrease between 1890 and 1904 is common to all sections of the country.

Colored persons were more common among the prisoners on June 30, 1904, than they were on June 1, 1890. In 1904 the percentage of colored was 22.6, while in 1890 it was 20.4. This increase in the proportion of colored prisoners is shown by all the geographic divisions of the country except the South Atlantic and the Western. It was particularly notable in the North Central States, where 14.2 per cent of the prisoners, enumerated in 1890 were colored as contrasted with 20.5 per cent, in 1904.

Foreigners Not Increasing. The foreign-born whites, unlike the colored, appear to be of decreasing importance among prisoners. In 1890 the immigrant class formed 2.3 per cent of all white prisoners of known nativity, but by 1904 this percentage had decreased to 2.3. The native whites, on the other hand, show an

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increased proportion, forming 76.3 per cent of the total number of white prisoners in 1904 and only 71.8 per cent in 1890. This change, moreover, is not confined to any one section of the country, but is common to all. Even the North Atlantic States, which have absorbed most of the late immigration, show a larger percentage of native prisoners and a smaller percentage of foreign than they did in 1890.

Of the 106 persons committed to prison under death sentence, 99 had been convicted of homicide, 4 of assault, 2 of rape and 1 of a double crime, murder being one of them. Two women paid the death penalty for homicide.

Life sentences were imposed upon 640 prisoners, of whom 586 were convicted of homicide, 28 of rape, 12 of burglary, 4 of robbery, 3 of larceny, 2 of arson, 1 of assault, 1 of the crime against nature, 1 of perjury, 1 of an unclassified crime against property, and 1 of a crime not stated. Twenty women were committed during 1904 on a life sentence.

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WARRINGTON.

Special to The Journal. Warrington, Aug. 24.—Mrs. John J. Epple, of Warrington, was the guest of Mrs. Theo. Jones last week. The many friends of Miss Sadie Jones are anticipating her visit to Warrington.

Miss Rosa Nelson has returned from Perdido, the guest of Miss Josie Bonner. Little Miss Virgie Reed has returned home after a delightful visit with relatives in Warrington. Mr. Henry Robertson left Saturday for New York, where he will visit relatives. Miss Mae Wheat left Thursday for Boston, Mass.

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MILTON

Special to The Journal. Milton, Aug. 24.—Miss Viola Harrison left Wednesday night for Salem, N. C., where she will attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Kellet spent Monday in Pensacola.

Mrs. L. E. Monroe is visiting friends in Marianna this week.

Mrs. E. C. Barclay was a visitor to Pensacola Wednesday.

Hon. E. Amos was a business visitor to Pensacola this week.

Senator T. F. West was in Pensacola Thursday.

Miss Robbie Curtis, of Pensacola, returned to her home the first of the week, after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Bryant.

Miss Allene Ollinger, of Mobile, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Ellis.

Mrs. W. F. and W. W. Harrison were in Pensacola Tuesday.

Mrs. L. C. McDonald left Saturday night for Chicago.

L. C. Fisher leaves Saturday for New York and St. Louis.

Mrs. John Collins returned Thursday from Pensacola.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Johnson spent one day this week in the deep water city.

L. M. Rhoda has gone to St. Louis on a ten days' trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones were in Pensacola the last of the week.

FLORALA

Special to The Journal.

Florala, Aug. 24.—The Lake Jackson Turpentine Company, of Paxton, Fla., has been organized with paid up capital of \$25,000. They have secured a lease for the turpentine privilege on all timber holdings in Alabama and Florida contracted by the Florala Sawmill Company. They will erect a new still at this point and add one 125-horsepower return tubular boiler, 16x66, to plant already in operation. They will also install a 60-horsepower engine in place of one now in use. Machinery has not been purchased. Mr. J. C. Howell, of Falco, Ala., will be president; Mrs. J. J. Howell, of Florala, vice-president, and Mr. J. T. Hughes, of Florala, secretary and treasurer.

Mabel, the little five-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Phillips, entertained a large number of friends at a birthday party on Thursday last.

Miss Rosalie Gilmer entertained a few of her friends Friday afternoon at a lawn party.

Mrs. H. A. Ray, nurse and baby will leave in a few days for the mountains of North Carolina, where they will spend the rest of the season.

Mr. Henry Elliott, owner of large turpentine interests in this section, is at Hot Springs, Ark., for a few weeks.

Dr. C. F. Petrey has returned from a six weeks' visit to Hot Springs.

Mr. Curry Cawthon, who has been away on a vacation of a few weeks, is expected home within the next few days.

Mr. J. Alto Matthews will erect a residence on fifth street.

There have been several important transfers of real estate during the past week. Mr. J. T. Hughes and Dr. R. L. Miller purchased a large lot in the business district from Mr. Jas. C. McRae, and Dr. Miller will soon begin the erection of a nice brick office on same. Prof. Killbrew will purchase a large lot from J. M. Holmes on Seventh avenue, for the purpose of building a home thereon.

Major R. A. Frank will build an addition of four or five rooms to his home on Fifth street. Mr. Jones, who recently purchased an interest in the Florala Real Estate Company, will move here at an early date and erect a handsome residence.

A Beaver dam will be organized in Florala early next week. A dance of no small proportions was given last night at the Colonial hotel by those having the matter of organizing the dam in charge.

Considerable work is being done on the streets and sidewalks of Florala. The bond issue of \$30,000 for school house and other improvements has not been sold yet. A few offers have been made by purchasers, but our officials thought the price offered too low.

Messrs D. A. Ewing and R. A. French will manage the Florala Opera House during the coming season. Several good shows have been booked already.

The city court of Andalusia will hold its first jury term since it was created, beginning on Monday next. There are about 120 cases to come before this court. L. H. Bressell, of Florida, is the busy solicitor.

States Solicitor Parks, of this district, has resigned from that position and will locate in Andalusia, where he will practice law. It is thought he has an eye on a seat in congress.

Dainty Window Curtains. One can have much prettier window curtains and with the expenditure of less money by making them oneself than by buying them.

Two pairs of beautiful curtains for a bedroom or dining room window may be made of bobbinet worked with luster thread. They are hemmed on both sides and one end with a three-quarter inch hem, but the luster, which is rather coarse, is run in and out through the holes of the net for three or four rows to give the appearance of a wider hem.

Papers Under Mattress. Lay two thicknesses of newspapers on the bed springs and then lay the mattress on the papers. This keeps the mattress from getting black marks on it. Sometimes in rainy weather the springs get rusty and it gets on the mattress, but if you keep paper on the springs it picks up all the rust.

KEEP TRACK OF THE WORK

An Automatic Deice Which Keeps Track of Movements of a Man.

Use of the famous "block system" in railroad has prevented many a collision and other bad accidents; but the idea of applying the same principle to business in the conduct of factory and office affairs seems a little overdrawn, but it is a fact that this will soon be done. According to the details of an invention just perfected at Rochester, N. Y., a man has brought out a device for keeping track of employees and their time in the same manner in which the block system keeps track of trains. In this age of increased expenses in all lines, business men find that they must economize in time.

The device just perfected will keep accurate track of every movement of an employee, whether engine wiper or stenographer; and it is so constructed that when an employee is given a task he can receive no credit for his time until it is completed. The system of dividing time and work into blocks as the railroad divides its right of way makes it impossible for a workman to enter one block until he has cleared the last one. The device is absolutely automatic and the record it makes is infallible. It is so constructed that an employee cannot "beat" it. It will save thousands of dollars in lost time, and promises to work some radical changes in the conduct of large concerns. The inventor has never exhibited his device publicly, although it has been thoroughly tested. The first time it will be shown will be during the National Business Show at Madison Square Garden, in New York, and at the same show in Chicago at the Coliseum from the 9th to the 14th of November, and it will prove to be of intense interest from many standpoints. At these big shows

many new devices will be seen. For the first time in the history of the business the stationers will have a show of their own. Stationers' Row is attracting a great deal of attention, and promises to be fully as interesting as the exhibitions of the wonderful device that will be seen there.

and the red remains. That is the whole story.

Bees Faster Than Pigeons. It is not generally known that bees are swifter in flight than pigeons—that is, for short distances. Some years ago a pigeon fancier of Hamme, Westphalia, laid a wager that a dozen bees liberated three miles from their hives would reach home in less time than a dozen pigeons. The competitors were given wing at Rybern, a village nearly a league from Hamme, and the first bee reached the hive a quarter of a minute in advance of the first pigeon. Three other bees reached the goal before the second pigeon. The bees were also slightly handicapped, having been rolled in four before starting for purpose of identification.

fooling a Wolf. A boy twelve years old, the son of a pioneer in Montana, observed a wolf sneaking about one day last winter. He took a sheepskin and spread it over a low bush in such a way that it resembled a live animal, and after a time the wolf made a dash for it. He detected the fraud at once, and instead of galloping away at once with the pelt, which would have made a good dinner for him, he dropped it and sneaked off with his tail between his legs. He realized that he had been made the victim of a joke, and he felt the same as a boy who had been April fooled.

Nuts to Crack. Which is the leading city in America? Boston (Boston). Which has it the hardest—coffee or tea? Tea, for, while coffee can settle down, tea is compelled to draw. Why are pianos the noblest of manufactured articles? Because they are grand, upright and square.

Stretching. You may stretch your mouth in jolly fun; You may stretch your legs in a good long run; You may stretch your arms in love, for But never, never stretch the truth.

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When to Take Off the Sinkers. For angling in quiet, deep running water more sinkers should be placed on the leader to keep it down from the surface, but if angling in a quick running brook or river for chub, dace or brook trout the float and sinkers should be removed and the bait allowed to run in front of the angler wherever it wills on the surface by the action of the current, which takes it naturally just as nature does their general food.—Louis Rhead in Outing Magazine.

A Long Tumble Needed. "They say that when a man is falling from a height he thinks of all his evil deeds." "I don't believe it." "Why not?" "Some men would have to fall out of a balloon to get 'em all in."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Floored. One Sexton—Do you have matins at your church? The Other—No, we have o'clocks.—Harper's Weekly.

The father's virtue is the child's best inheritance.—Chinese Proverb.

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The Lobster's Shell. Perhaps most boys and girls have heard of the young housekeeper that refused to buy some lobsters in the market because they were not red. When the dealer told her that they were just out of the water, she said that might be true, but it was the red she wanted. It should not be necessary to point out the joke to the boys and girls, for they know, of course, that the red color of the lobster is produced by boiling, but do they know why it turns red? If they will notice the shell of a fresh lobster closely, they will see that it shows the mingling of two pigments, red and blue. Now, when the lobster is plunged into hot water the blue pigment fades out

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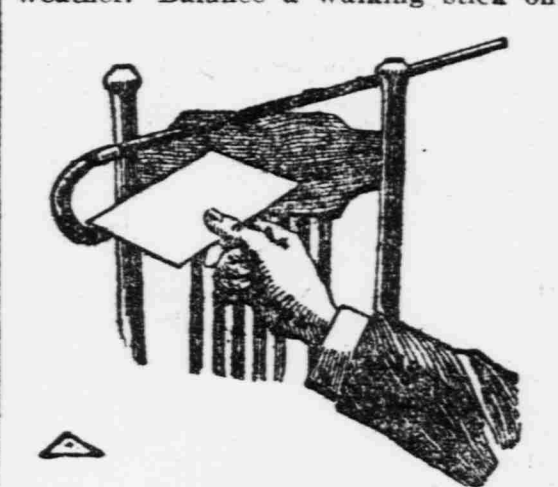
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the back of a chair and tell the spectators that you are going to make it fall without touching it or the chair.

Having thoroughly dried a postal card, preferably before an open fire, rub it briskly on your sleeve and then hold it near one end of the stick. The stick will at once be attracted to the card and will follow it as if it were a magnet. As it moves it will soon lose its equilibrium and fall from the chair.

Almost any kind of wooden rod will do instead of the walking stick, and almost any kind of card. Of course you understand the principle of the experiment. By rubbing the card you waken electricity in it, and it thus becomes a sort of magnet, with the power to attract light bodies.

Observed in Animals. A zoologist thus writes upon a point in which he claims that the lower animals set an example to many men, says Chums:

"It has taken human beings many hundreds of years to acquire habits of neatness and cleanliness, whereas the animals have always possessed them. From the time when they first made their appearance on earth animals have washed and combed and brushed themselves with tongue, claws and tail. Many of them grow wretched and languish if deprived of any opportunity of taking a cold bath. As for the apes, they are such sticklers for cleanliness that they expect any member of the tribe who shows a disposition to shirk his duties in this respect. Even the insects show a scrupulous regard for neatness, as anybody who has watched a fly brushing itself with its feet, for instance, will readily admit."

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The Duel Between Tom Porter and Sir Henry Bellasis.

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Tom Porter was of a family which had zealously served the king. Under the new government his occupation was gone, and he descended to a triviality of life which finally involved him in a most pathetic event. This was a duel which he fought with his friend, Sir Henry Bellasis, and which says Pepsy in his "Diary," is worth remembering for "the silliness of the quarrel," "a kind of emblem of the general complexion of the whole kingdom."

But, silly as the quarrel undoubtedly was, it carried in it an element of heart-break.

The two young men involved were intimate friends and companions, but one day, "being merry in company," Tom Porter said he should like to see the man in England who would dare give him a blow. With that Sir Henry Bellasis struck him a box on the ear. The inevitable duel followed, wherein each was wounded. Sir Henry proved to be seriously hurt, so he called Porter, kissed and bade him fly.

"For," said he, "Tom, thou hast hurt me, but I will make shift to stand upon my legs till thou mayest withdraw, for I would not have thee troubled for what thou hast done."

Porter profited by his friend's generosity and escaped to France. Sir Henry died a few days later, and Pepsy concludes, "It is pretty to see how the world do talk of them as a couple of fools that killed one another out of love."

Spying on Bargain Gifts. The engaged girl was found studying life in an auction room.

"I don't expect to buy anything," she said, "but I want to see if anybody I know buys anything. A lot of auctioneers are advertising that they have on hand bric-a-brac and pictures and odds and ends of furniture suitable for wedding presents. That set me to wondering if any of my friends would try to avail themselves of these auction room bargains when buying presents for me. I saw two girls here this afternoon who have been invited to my wedding. One bought some kind of a brass bowl, another a vase. They got the things dirt cheap. I fancy they are for me. If they are—well, just wait till those girls get married!"—New York Press.

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